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WE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND THAT PETROGAL OFFICIALS VISIT SAUDI ARABIA AT THIS TIME. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, NONE OF THE OIL MARKETING UNCERTAINTIES, WHICH WE MENTIONED IN JIDDA 3806, HAVE BEEN REMOVED, AND WE DOUBT IF PETROMIN AUTHORITIES WOULD BE PREPARED TO PROCEED VERY FAR WITH NEGOTIATIONS. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE, POP'S BRUSH WITH THE ARAB LEAGUE ON THE ISSUE OF RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL IS TOO RECENT, AND SAG MADE TOO STRONG A STAND AGAINST GOP'S POLICY, FOR THE ATMOS-PHERE NOT TO BE STRAINED. AND, FINALLY, FROM POINT OF VIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS, MISSIONWOULD HAVE TO FIT IN TO RELATIVELY HEAVY SAG SCHEDULE IN SIX WEEK PERIOD PRECEDING START OF PILGRIMAGE SEASON NOVEMBER 12. WE BELIEVE THAT. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, YOU SUGGEST TO PETROGAL OFFICIALS THAT A LATE DECEMBER - JANYARY VISIT MIGHT BE MORE PROPITIOUS. WEST

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